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Workshop Restores Juvenile Offenders' Rights

The Arizona Judicial Council's Commission on Minorities, in collaboration with the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office, the Arizona Building Blocks Initiative, the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections, the Juvenile Law Section of the State Bar, and other juvenile justice serving agencies in Maricopa County will host a one-day event, 'Project Restore,' in the Cartwright School District on Wednesday, July 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The purpose of 'Project Restore' is to aid Maricopa citizens in the restoration of their legal rights following the completion of all consequences and sanctions imposed by the Maricopa County Juvenile Court. Applicants must be 18 years of age to petition the court for the destruction of juvenile records, setting aside adjudications or to restore their civil rights.

"We are very excited to offer this opportunity to those who have successfully completed all orders imposed by the Juvenile Court. For those whose applications are granted, we hope to eliminate significant obstacles and to support re-entry into the community as productive and self-supporting citizens," said Helene Abrams, Juvenile Division Chief, Office of the Maricopa County Public Defender.

This event will be held at:

**Cartwright School District's Family Resource Center
4308 North 51st Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona**

**Back-to-School Open House
Wednesday, July 28, 2004
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

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